



Hampton Roads Black Media Professionals College Scholarship Application

Hampton Roads Black Media Professionals (HRBMP) is a nonprofit organization of communicators dedicated to inspiring African-American students to pursue college and media related careers. HRBMP will award scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500 to college students in Hampton Roads who are pursuing journalism or media-related studies. Winners will be notified in June.

POSTMARK DEADLINE: June 15, 2021

Mail Application to: HRBMP, 5540 Bulls Bay Drive, Virginia Beach, VA. 23462 or email to larubama@yahoo.com

Please contact Larry Rubama with any questions about the application at 757-575-6449 or at larubama@yahoo.com

APPLICANT GENERAL INFORMATION: Please print or type

Name: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Number: _____

Alt Phone Number _____

How did you hear about the HRBMP scholarship program? _____

APPLICANT ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

College: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

GPA: _____

Major: _____

Year: _____

CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION: All of the information that I have provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand and acknowledge that providing false or misleading information may lead to the rescinding of any award. I authorize Hampton Roads Black Media Professionals to verify any of the information contained herein. I further grant permission to use my name, likeness and essays to promote and advance the scholarship program and HRBMP. I confirm that I have applied for or have already accepted admission to a college or university for the 2021-2022 academic year and am eligible to receive scholarships granted under this program.

Applicant Signature and Date (required):

Parent/Guardian's Signature and Date (if applicant is under 18 years of age):

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Scholarship Amount: \$500 to \$1,000

1. GPA requirement of 2.5 minimum – Proof of GPA **does not** have to be an official transcript.
2. Student must provide a list of extracurricular activities, including such things as jobs outside of school, school clubs, community service and sports, he/she has been involved in during high school. **Dates must be included.**
3. Student must intend to pursue journalism or media-related studies in college and must provide proof.
4. At least one letter of recommendation. One must be from a current or former high school teacher. The second letter can come from the following, but is not limited to: a guidance counselor, an athletic coach, a high school administrator (i.e. principal, assistant principal, etc.), an employer, scout leader, pastor, etc.
5. Resume
6. Examples of written work or production reel. **(Not required but highly recommended)**
7. Student must write an essay of at least 500 words detailing why he/she is interested in pursuing journalism or a media-related career and what he/she hopes to achieve in journalism or in a media-related career. Students may include a current, former or historical journalist or media-related professional who inspired them to pursue this career field. **(Not required but highly recommended)**
8. Students must write a second essay of at least 500 words or produce a video of at least 3 minutes in length on one of the four topics below. **Please attach as an MP4 file or YouTube link.** (Be creative)
 - I. In April, the world watched as a former Minneapolis Police officer – who knelt on George Floyd's neck for 9 minutes last year – was found guilty on three charges. How do you think this decision will affect how police treat Blacks in the future? What do you think needs to be done?
 - II. To vaccinate or not vaccinate? This is a huge question in the Black community while white people are getting vaccinated at an average of twice the rate. For many Blacks there is a distrust. What do you think about it? And will you get vaccinated. Explain your answer.
 - III. On January 20, the nation breathed a sigh of relief when Joe Biden was sworn in as the 46th President of the United States. He won because of support from the Black

community. How do you think President Biden has done in this short time, and what issues do you feel he needs to address to help the Black community that helped him get elected?

- IV.** This past year, we've seen many Americans – of all colors – march side by side to make their voices heard when it comes to racial injustice and systematic racism in this country. But is America getting better or worse? Do you think it will get better in your lifetime? And what more needs to be done?